

Electoral division:
Church Stretton/Craven Arms
Name of Candidate:
Helen Byrne
Party or description: **Green Party**

1. How will climate change affect the county of Shropshire and what, in your view, are the urgent actions that the Council needs to take?

Climate change will have an adverse effect on agriculture here due to disturbance in weather patterns. It will also affect Shropshire's biodiversity and flooding may increase along our major rivers. Shropshire Council needs to work to preserve floodplains and protect wildlife, but more urgently to address the causes of climate change through promotion of sustainable energy, waste management and transport solutions

2. If elected, will you vote to include climate change issues in the list of the Council's top ten priorities?

Yes! Climate change is at the top of the Green agenda

3. What further steps should the Council take to raise public awareness and educate people about environmental issues so that they can achieve sustainable lifestyles?

More illustrated talks to explain changes (e.g. waste collection) and their effects so that people understand how best to help and why.

Information and chat forum on environmental issues through the County Council website.
Strengthening links with groups such as yourselves in order to promote sustainability.

4. What ideas do you have to help people in villages to live, work and stay there so that they are not merely dormitory or commuting satellites?

Keeping schools open will give a heart to village communities, likewise post offices.

Broadband access to villages will help workers to 'telecommute'.

Affordable and ecologically sound housing is needed and the promotion of local food through village stores is important.

Please return to Stretton Climate Care, Yeld House, 3, Yeld Bank, Church Stretton, SY6 6EZ